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Update On The TechCrunch Tablet: Prototype A

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Update on the TechCrunch Tablet: A humble (and messy) beginning. Prototype A has been built. It's in a temporary aluminum case that a local sheet metal shop put together for us that's at least twice as thick as it needs to be, but the hardware has been defined and is nearing lockdown. We booted the machine in the case for the first time today, accessed the Wifi network and were able to navigate a web page via the touch screen.

Most of the work is transitioning to software and UI, and real industrial design work on the case is beginning.

We are still far from having beta units but there is now a team working on the project, and an incredible group of people and companies have reached out to us to help. We've learned a lot about building a hardware device over the last few weeks, and it's clear that it is quite possible to build a high performance web tablet in the price range we anticipated.

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